

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
WESTERN DIVISION

No. _____

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
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Petitioner,)	
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v.)	CERTIFICATION OF A
)	SEXUALLY DANGEROUS PERSON
THOMAS BLACKLEDGE,)	
Register Number 19394-013,)	
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Respondent.)	

The United States of America, by and through the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, hereby submits the attached Certification of a Sexually Dangerous Person pursuant to Title 18 U.S.C. § 4248(a).

Respectfully submitted, this 15th day of September, 2009.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have this 15th day of September, 2009, served a copy of the foregoing upon the Respondent in this action by placing the documents in an envelope marked as stated below, and providing it to FCC Butner staff to deliver the envelope in hand to:

Thomas Blackledge
Reg. No. 19394-013
FCI Butner

and on the same day served a copy of the foregoing by placing a copy in the U.S. Mail, addressed as follows:

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Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

/s/ Michael Bredenberg
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CERTIFICATION OF A SEXUALLY DANGEROUS PERSON

(1) I, Anthony A. Jimenez, am Chairperson of the Federal Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) Certification Review Panel, Washington, D.C. Pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 0.97, the Director of the Bureau has delegated to me the authority to certify persons in Bureau custody as sexually dangerous, as authorized by 18 U.S.C. § 4248(a).

(2) Bureau records reflect the following: Inmate Thomas Blackledge, Register Number 19394-013, is in Bureau custody at the Federal Correctional Institution, Butner, North Carolina, in service of a six-year term of imprisonment and a five-year term of probation, following the revocation of his probation. He violated probation by being convicted of Sexual Exploitation of Children-Second Offense, in the District Court, Weld County, Colorado (Case No. 04CR1119), for accessing, viewing and possessing child pornography via the internet. There is also evidence that he exchanged nude pictures with children he communicated with on the internet. Inmate Blackledge's original sentence was concurrent ten-year terms of imprisonment on one count of knowingly mailing visual depictions, the producing of which involved the use of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(1), and two counts of employing and using a minor child to engage in, and had that

child assist another person to engage in, sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct which visual depiction was or would be mailed, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2251(a); concurrent two-year terms of imprisonment on six additional counts of employing and using a minor child to engage in, and had that child assist another person to engage in, sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct which visual depiction was or would be mailed, to run consecutive to the above-referenced ten-year sentences; and concurrent five-year terms of probation on an additional eight counts of employing and using a minor child to engage in, and had that child assist another person to engage in, sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct which visual depiction was or would be mailed (D. Colo.)

(Case No. 86-CR-80). His offense conduct included photographing himself and an adult couple engaging in sexual contact with the couple's two-and-a-half-year-old daughter and 18-month-old son, and selling the photographs to undercover postal inspectors. He was also convicted of two counts of Sexual Exploitation of Children, in the District Court, Larimer County, Colorado (Case No. 86 CR 290) and one count of Sexual Exploitation of Children, in the District Court of Weld County, Colorado

(Case No. 86 CR 318), in connection with this conduct. His projected release date is September 23, 2009.

(3) Based on a review of his Bureau records, I certify he is a sexually dangerous person as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 4247(a)(5), and sexually dangerous to others as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 4247(a)(6). My certification is based on information found in Bureau records which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

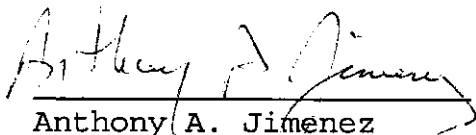
(a) He previously engaged or attempted to engage in sexually violent conduct or child molestation as evidenced by his conduct associated with his federal child sexual exploitation convictions. Additionally, he was previously convicted of First-Degree Murder in the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District, Sheridan County, Wyoming (Case No. 2876). Inmate Blackledge and the female victim were kissing and removing their clothing. When the victim protested and became hysterical, inmate Blackledge convinced the victim to get into his car so he could drive her home. He obtained a hammer from a woodshed and drove the victim to another location, where he repeatedly struck her in the head with a hammer and dragged her body into a shed;

(b) A psychological review and assessment indicated Axis I diagnoses of Pedophilia, Sexually Attracted to Both,

Nonexclusive Type, and Alcohol Dependence, In a Controlled Environment; and an Axis II diagnosis of Personality Disorder, Not Otherwise Specified, with Antisocial Traits;

(c) An assessment of him using two actuarial risk assessment instruments (Static-99 and Rapid Risk Assessment for Sexual Offense Recidivism (RRASOR)) was conducted. These results, in addition to his current and prior offense conduct, a history of revocation or failure to meet the stipulations of conditional release, sexually re-offending despite participation in sex offender treatment, attitudes supportive of sexual offending, and ongoing or high potential for relapse of drug/alcohol use, indicate he will have serious difficulty refraining from sexually violent conduct or child molestation if released.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.


Anthony A. Jimenez
Chairperson

Certification Review Panel
Federal Bureau of Prisons

9/14/2009
Date

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At the request of the Director of the Bureau of Prisons, the government has filed a Certification of a Sexually Dangerous Person pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 4248, in order for this court to hold a hearing to determine whether the Respondent is a sexually dangerous person as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 4247(a)(5).

Respondent, having demonstrated eligibility for appointment of counsel at government expense, the Federal Public Defender IS DIRECTED to provide representation in this action.

The Court further determines that the Respondent is unable to pay the fees of any witness, and pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 17(b) the Clerk shall issue a subpoena for any witness necessary to present an adequate defense to the pending charge or charges.

The Court further ORDERS that the United States Marshal shall serve any subpoenas presented to him in this case by the office of the Federal Public Defender, and shall pay the

appropriate fees and expenses to witnesses so subpoenaed.

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. section 4247(b), the Court ORDERS the government to conduct a psychiatric or psychological examination of Respondent. Pursuant to this section, if the Respondent wishes to request an additional examiner, he shall request such by separate motion to this court.

The Court hereby notifies the parties that this case has been set for Hearing by videoconference at _____ AM/PM on _____. The hearing shall be held in Courtroom #2, Seventh Floor, of the Terry Sanford Federal Building, 310 New Bern Avenue, Raleigh, North Carolina.

This ____ day of _____, 2009.

W. EARL BRITT
Senior U.S. District Judge